Statement

Purification of River water in Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Name of towns where works have been/will be taken up	Status of implementation
1	Ganga Action Plan Phase-I	184·84	Rishikesh—Haridwar, Fategarh—Farukhabad, Kanpur, Allahabad, Mirzapur and Varanasi (6 towns).	Advanced state of implementation.
2	*Ganga Action Plan Phase-II*			
	(a) Yamuna Action Plan	213·75	Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Ghaziabad, Noida, Vrindavan, Mathura, Agra & Etawah (8 towns).	work has recently started.
	(b) Gomti Action Plan	61·01	Lucknow, Sultanpur & Jaunpur (3 towns)	Grant assistance for Lucknow component is under negotiation with U.K. Govt.
	(c) Remaining schemes on the main stem of river Ganga	198.17	Haridwar—Rishikesh, Kanpur, Allahabad, Farrukhabad, Varanasi, Mirzapur, Mughal-Sarai, Ghazipur, Saidpur & Garmukteshwar (10 towns).	The project proposal prepared by the U P Govt. is under consideration of Govt. of India for approval.

While Ganga Action Plan Phase-I is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the cost of pollution abatement schemes under Ganga Action Plan Phase-II is to be shared equally between the Central and the State Government.

Forest land in Gujarat

397. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the District-wise details of forest land in Gujarat;

(b) what was the District-wise percentage of land at the beginning of the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans;

(c) what are the reasons for down fall in it;

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether Government are aware that World famous "Nemi Sarao and Puraya" is situated in Sourastra which is today known as "Gir Forest" is almost destroyed after independence;

(f) whether Government would state the length and breadth of the Gir Forest in 1947 and the measurement of the same as on date;

(g) whether there is any Plan to develop the Gir Forest again; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The districtwise figures of recorded forest land are not maintained in this Ministry. However, the district-wise details of forest cover in Gujarat are as follows:

	District	Forest Cover (in sq. kms.)
1	Ahmadabad	54
2	Amreli	191
3	Banaskantha	747
4	Bharuch	1250
5	Bhavnagar	139
6	Gandhinagar	9
7	Jamnagar	257
8	Junagarh	1608
9	Kheda	45
10	Kachchh	1255
11	Mehsana	32
12	Panchmahals	1033
13	Rajkot	80
14	Sabar Kantha	676
15	Surat	1308
16	Surrendernagar	71
17	The Dangs	1510
18	Vadodara	504
19	Valsad	1278

(b) District-wise details of forest cover at the beginning of Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans are not available. However, total forest cover of Gujarat during the year 1985-87 and 1989-91 was 11,907 sq. kms. and 12,044 sq. kms. respectively.

(c) Comparison of data during the years mentioned above shows that the total forest cover of the State has increased by 137 sq. kms.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to improve forest cover of Gujarat are:

(i) People's participation is being actively promoted for protection and management of forests in the State.

(ii) Financial assistance is being provided to the State for rehabilitation of degraded forests through involvement of tribals and rural poor and also for control of forest fires.

(iii) A network of forest mobile squads and checking nakas have been established to control forest offences.

(iv) Details of areas afforested and seedlings distributed in the State under Twenty Point Programme are:

Year	Area Afforested (in ha.)	Seedlings distributed (in lakhs)
1991-92	63480	2511.86
1992-93	64847	2281.46
1993-94	73712	1631.76

(e) and (f) The Gir forest which was partly under Wildlife Sanctuary and partly under National Park prior to 1982 has been covered fully by intended notification of National Park measuring an area of 1412 sq. km. Earlier the area was 258.71 sq. km. under National Park and 1153.42 sq. km. under Sanctuary.

The Lion population in Gir has increased from 180 in the year 1974 to 284 in 1990. Therefore, it is not a fact that the Gir forest is almost destroyed after independence.

(g) and (h) The entire Gir forest is covered under the on-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Parks and Sanctuaries which takes care of the development of the Gir Forests.

Scheme for saving the Taj Mahal from pollution

398. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an American Institute has shown interest in saving the Taj Mahal from pollution;

(b) if so, whether any specific scheme has been prepared by the said institute to save this historic building from pollution;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The United States National Park Services along with the Central/ State Departments of Tourism, Archaeological Survey of India and Agra Development Authority held an Indo-US Workshop on the Environmental Assessment of Agra for the purpose of preparing a project proposal for a "Taj National Park".

(c) and (d) The main recommendations of the workshop include the following:

1. Form a regional body with appropriate authority.

2. Complete construction of the barrage at Mathura

3. Complete the Yamuna action plan

4. Provide uninterrupted power supply to Agra.

5. Widen 52 km. of NH2, NH3 and NH11.

6. Improve foundry and other industrial operations

7. Construct road linking Fatehpur Sikri with the Taj Mahal;

Already the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken up the recommendations no. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 with the respective Ministries and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. This Ministry has not considered recommendations no. 1 and 7.

वनारोपण तथा नष्ट हुए वनों के विकास पर व्यय की गई धनराशि

399. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव**: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1990-91 से 1993-94 तक देश में वनारोपण तथा नष्ट हुए वनों के सुधार और विकास कार्यक्रमों पर वर्ष-वार कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई ;

(ख) उपर्युक्त कार्यक्रमों के लिए विदेशों तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं से ऋण और अनुदान के रूप में वर्ष-वार कितनी धनराशि प्राप्त हुई और देश के आंतरिक संसाधनों से कितनी धनराशि जुटाकर व्यय की गई ;

(ग) केन्द्रीय और विदेशी दलों द्वारा किन-किन राज्यों में तथा कब-कब उपर्युक्त कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन का निरीक्षण तथा मूल्यांकन किया गया; और

(घ) उपर्युक्त कार्यों पर केन्द्रीय सहायता विदेशी सहायता ऋणों तथा राज्यों के आंतरिक स्रोतों से राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई और इस धनराशि के सदुपयोग तथा कार्यक्रम की सफलता के संबंध में केन्द्रीय तथा विदेशी